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Reporting for the week ending September 16, 2012

General

On average, farmers had 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 27 percent short, 52 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 27 percent very short, 29 percent short, 40 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 47 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 62 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. Highs ranged from 84 degrees Fahrenheit at Blytheville and Brinkley to 94 degrees Fahrenheit at DeQueen. Arkansas continued to receive rain this week, predominantly in the central and western parts of the state.

Crops

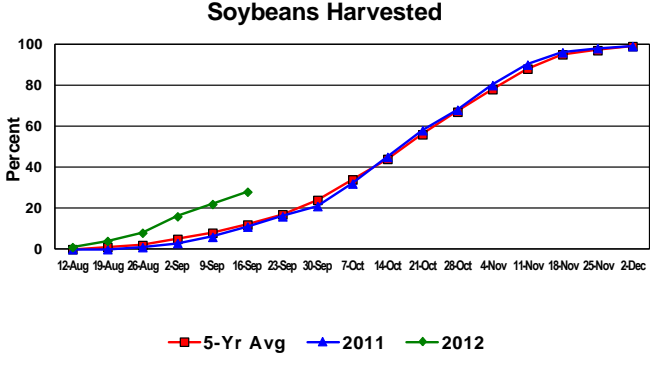
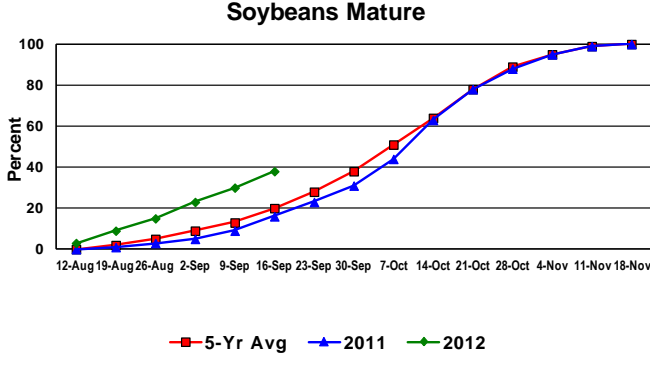
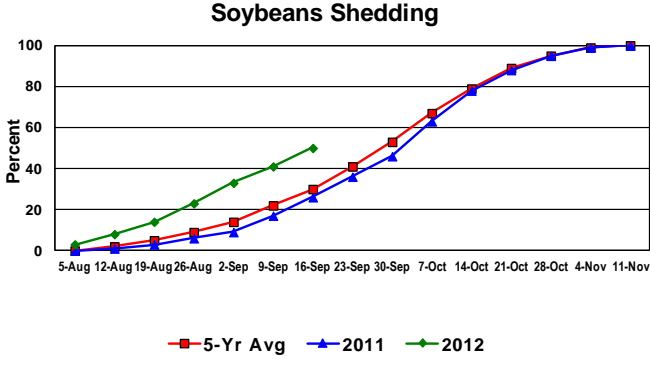
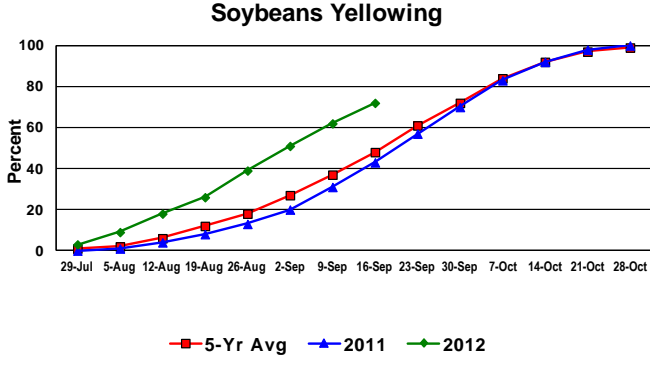
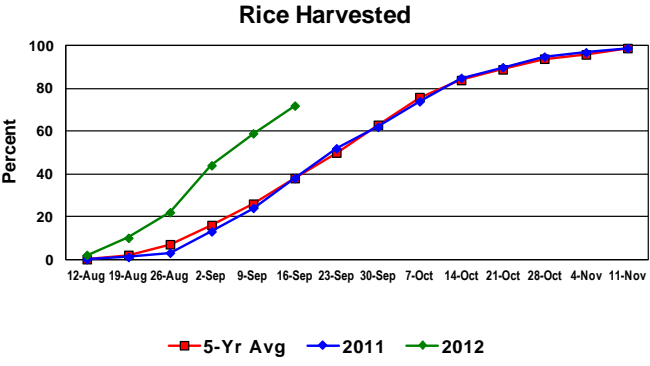
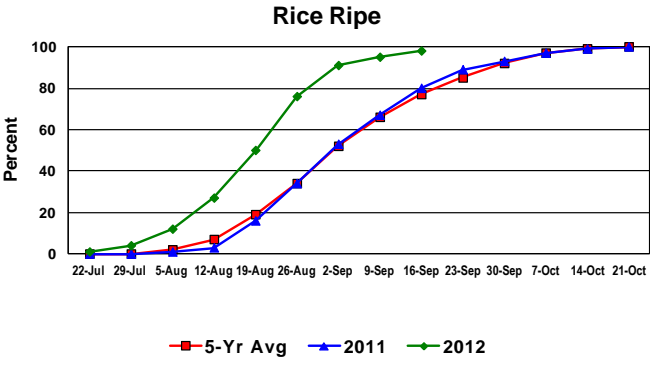
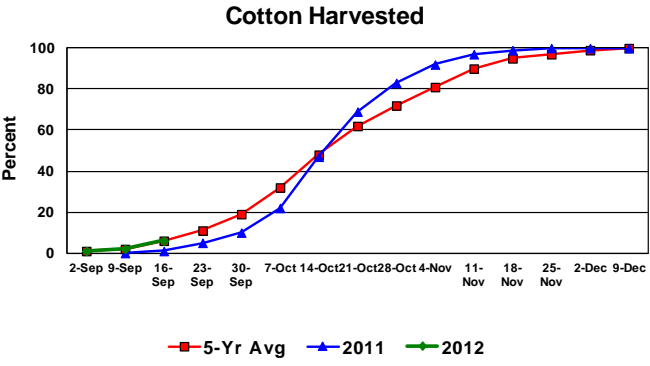
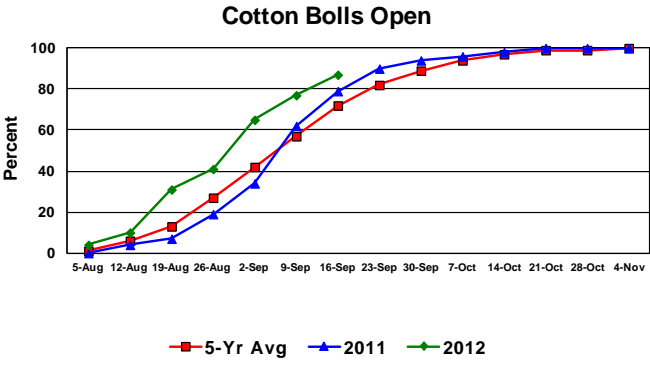
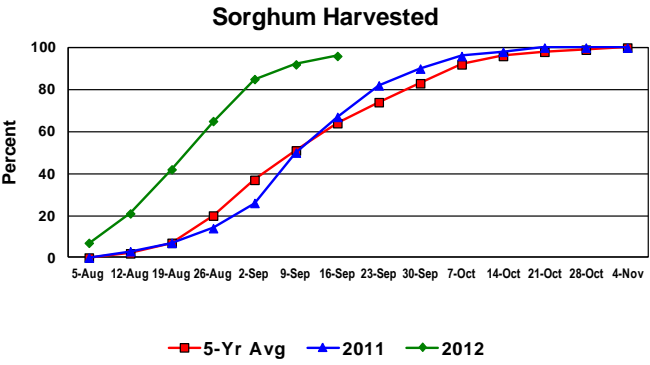
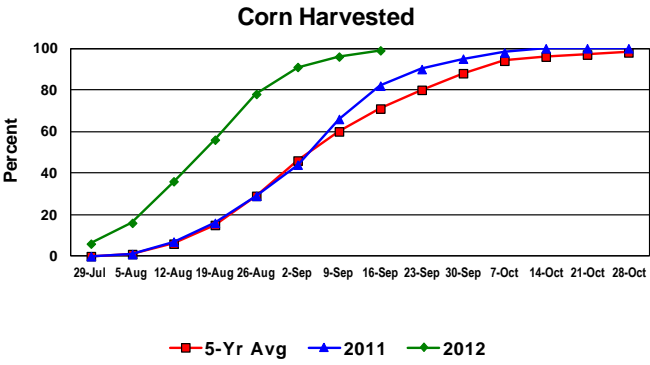
At the end of the week, corn was 99 percent harvested. Cotton was 87 percent opening bolls and 6 percent harvested. Rice was 98 percent ripe and 72 percent harvested, 34 percent ahead of 2011. Sorghum was 96 percent harvested. Soybeans were 72 percent yellowing, 50 percent shedding and 38 percent mature. Twenty-eight percent of soybeans were harvested. Producers continued to harvest crops, but the harvest was hindered by wet weather in many areas. In addition, there were many reports of wind-lodged rice crops impeding the harvest.

Livestock

Livestock were in fair condition. Pasture and range conditions improved with 49 percent of land categorized as fair to good. As grasses continued to green, there were increased reports of armyworm infestations.

Percent of Progress					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2011	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	99	96	82	71
Cotton	Opening Bolls	87	77	79	72
	Harvested	6	2	1	6
Rice	Ripe	98	95	80	77
	Harvested	72	59	38	38
Sorghum	Harvested	96	92	67	64
Soybeans	Yellowing	72	62	43	48
	Shedding	50	41	26	30
	Mature	38	30	16	20
	Harvested	28	22	11	12

Condition in Percentages					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	5	7	24	43	21
Soybeans	5	14	30	40	11
Hay-Alfalfa	23	30	32	15	0
Hay-Other	23	32	35	10	0
Pasture and Range	17	34	37	12	0



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending Sep 16, 2012									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sep 16	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date	
								2012	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	87	47	-2	1.41	4.98	3.74	23.82	34.09
	Harrison	88	53	-2	0.79	2.72	3.59	23.08	31.15
N. Central	Calico Rock	85	50	-4	1.44	4.04	3.19	28.09	32.70
	Gilbert	88	50	-4	1.15	3.72	3.24	26.35	32.67
	Greers Ferry	85	56	-2	1.85	6.39	3.22	29.20	33.99
	Mtn. Home	87	53	-4	1.13	5.01	3.69	31.66	33.23
Northeast	Batesville	87	55	-4	0.71	5.94	3.20	22.64	32.69
	Blytheville	84	53	-2	0.17	1.99	2.31	20.21	34.36
	Jonesboro	87	56	-1	0.10	6.51	2.55	21.92	32.59
	Keiser	87	55	0	0.71	6.56	2.35	25.28	34.61
	Newport	85	57	-4	0.64	7.54	2.62	29.36	33.13
W. Central	Booneville	90	54	-1	5.30	7.81	3.23	33.89	33.80
	Clarksville	91	54	-2	1.72	4.04	3.17	24.76	34.56
	Dardanelle	90	57	-2	2.94	4.49	2.64	25.87	33.12
	Ft. Smith	92	59	0	0.51	2.27	3.10	27.51	31.40
	Mena	88	51	-1	3.39	4.73	3.50	36.71	39.85
	Ozark	89	52	-2	3.38	5.77	2.76	28.23	33.27
Central	Conway	87	56	-2	2.05	7.15	2.69	30.76	33.47
	Hot Springs	87	57	-2	4.87	11.70	3.38	35.62	38.49
	Little Rock	86	61	-3	3.77	8.05	2.72	31.81	32.95
	Morrilton	89	55	-3	3.46	6.47	2.86	30.50	33.42
	N. Little Rock	87	62	-2	2.86	7.57	2.88	32.25	33.19
E. Central	Brinkley	84	57	-3	3.10	6.50	2.19	28.77	32.84
	Marianna	87	55	-1	1.82	5.39	2.13	22.12	34.58
	Stuttgart	86	59	-3	1.49	8.83	2.08	31.65	33.57
	West Memphis	87	54	-1	0.42	3.87	2.52	29.22	36.03
Southwest	DeQueen	94	53	-1	0.71	1.39	2.92	23.18	33.52
	Hope	87	55	-3	2.16	4.06	3.41	35.82	36.88
	Texarkana	91	57	-1	0.37	1.53	3.13	23.84	33.19
S. Central	Camden	88	57	-2	2.07	8.31	2.86	37.01	35.57
	El Dorado	86	55	-2	3.82	8.61	2.79	32.71	36.06
	Fordyce**	87	57	-1	1.82	13.60	2.62	38.78	29.20
Southeast	Eudora	90	58	-2	0.26	6.45	3.27	36.74	39.47
	Monticello	88	58	0	0.59	5.99	2.59	27.86	36.60
	Pine Bluff	88	60	-1	2.22	12.26	2.11	35.67	34.35
	Rohwer	85	61	0	1.54	7.59	2.16	29.44	35.06

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2} - 30$ year average

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** Fordyce station added in March of 2012. Year-to-date rainfall totals will cover the period March 2012 – November 2012.